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Suspect exits with fake Get Out of Jail form

WANTED Police are asking for the public's help to find a fellow who appears to have out-foxed personnel at the Edmonton Remand Centre.

David Zurowski, 46, is wanted on more than two

dozen fraud-related charges, including his latest ap-



parent con, which sprung him from custody. Zurowski was

David released from the slammer on June 24, 2008 after a

24, 2008 after a fake judicial release order was faxed to the jail. On July 26, 2008 police discovered the documents were phony while investigators were checking if Zurowski was abiding by his release conditions.

Zurowski is six foot one, 210 pounds. His last known residence was in the area of 93 Street and 108 Avenue, where he lived in early June.

Have a safe weekend

Metro will not publish Monday, Aug. 4. Look for the next edition on Tuesday.

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Oilers make Tambellini GM

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Beijing sets chitchat guidelines



A police officer photographs the scene around a Greyhound bus about 20 km west of Portage la Prairie, yesterday. A man resting on a Greyhound bus as it rolled across the Prairies was killed and decapitated by his seatmate on Wednesday night, other passengers on the bus told the media.

Horror on highway

Man stabbed, decapitated by seatmate on Edmonton to Winnipeg bus

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Passengers aboard a Greyhound bus from Edmonton to Winnipeg yesterday recounted a scene from a horror movie, when a man stabbed another rider repeatedly in the neck before cutting his head off.

Garnet Caton told CBC News he was riding directly in front of the victim Wednesday evening. The young man was sleeping with headphones on. Caton said he heard a "blood-curdling scream," and turned to find the attacker gouging at the man with a large knife.

"He must have stabbed him 50 times or 60 times," Caton said.

"Like, just everywhere, arms, legs, neck, chest, guts, wherever he could swing it, he got it," said Cody Olmstead, another passenger who witnessed the horrifying

Greyhound station in Edmonton

After a man who boarded a bus in Edmonton Wednesday was stabbed and decapitated en route to Winipeg, passengers waited uneasily at the Edmonton Greyhound station

• "I feel unsafe and I won't be sleeping, that's for sure," said Lloydminster-bound passenger Brian Bowey. "If you wanted to do violence, the bus is the best place to do it if you know the guy that got on and want to get even with him."

"It's creepy. Every hair in my body stood up when I heard," said Calgarybound passenger Karen Whitehead. I'm sitting next to the bus driver on this trip. As far as I'm concerned, there's no security. A person can walk on with any weapon and nothing can stop them."

 "When it's your time, it's your time," said Fort McMurray bound passenger Joel Alonzo. "It was some crazy quy."

attack.

The 37 passengers aboard the bus Wednesday night stampeded for the door, leaving the crazed attacker still stabbing his victim, described as a native male around 18 to 20 years old.

Caton, the bus driver, and a trucker who stopped to help reentered the bus to see if the young man was still alive.

"When we came back on the bus, it was visible at the end of the bus he was cutting the guy's head off and pretty much gutting him up." Caton said.

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The attacker slashed at the men with the knife as they ran outside, and they were able to barricade the doors so he couldn't escape.

"While we were watching the door, he calmly walks up to the front with the head in his hand and the knife and just calmly stares at us and drops the head right in front of," Caton said.

RCMP rushed to the scene on the side of an empty highway, 20 km west of Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, and arrested a 40-yearold man when he tried to jump out a window.

Greyhound spokesman Eric Wesley said passengers aren't searched when boarding buses in Canada, but that the company is working with Transport Canada to enhance security.

"Obviously this is a tragic incident, and our condolences do go out to the victim's family," Wesley said.





Method Man plays Edmonton Sept. 20

This fall the M-E-TH-O-D Man returns to Edmonton on the Still High: Method Man and Redman 2008 tour. The pair hit the Edmonton Events Centre Sept. 20, and will be welcomed to the stage by local beatboxing legends Unkle Sam and Shamik. Tickets will be available this week through Ticketmaster. METRO EDMONTON

Local



City to hit taps over High Level

The Great Divide Waterfall will spring to life for two hours this Sunday, marking the August long weekend. The waterfall pumps about 50,000 litres of water per minute over the High Level Bridge and drops 64 metres to the North Saskatchewan River below. The pumps will be turned on at 9 p.m. and shut off at 11. METRO EDMONTON

Oil boots GM Lowe upstairs

Steve Tambellini steps in

RYAN SMITH for Metro Edmonton

Edmonton hockey fans will have a new man to praise or second-guess, depending on the fortunes of the Oilers next season.

In a move that surprised many, the Oilers announced Steve Tambellini will take over as general manager, re-

placing Kevin Lowe, who will become the team's president.

Tambellini comes to the Oilers from

Oilers from Tambellini the Vancou-

ver Canucks, where he served on their management team for 17 years, including the last three as vice-president and assistant general manager. Tambellini worked with Lowe in a management role for a number of Canadian national teams, including the men's squad that won gold at the 2002 Olympics.

Lowe praised Tambellini's skill as a hockey executive, and said he is a good fit with the Oilers' current management team in terms of personality and attitude.

"In order to get the job done you need more people doing it."

GM Kevin Lowe

"In my estimation, and many people in hockey feel the same way, Steve's the strongest candidate in hockey at the executive level who wasn't a general manager," said Lowe, Oilers' GM since June 2000.

Tambellini did not comment on his plans for the team, preferring to evaluate the players during training camp. He did, however, express his excitement and good fortune to be joining the Oilers, a team he believes has great potential.

Lowe said the management shift was somewhat unexpected, coming together in the last four to six days. It is the result of a mandate from new Oilers' owner Daryl Katz to strengthen the Oilers' management team, he added.

"We realize that there are more and more demands in this business at this level, and in order to get the job done you need more people doing it. It's really as simple as that," Lowe said.



Gil Joly, owner of the Quiznos sub shop at Jasper Avenue and 100 Street, wants to see the green community poster boards removed when Jasper Avenue is torn up for repairs to the Central LRT Station roof, and for modernization of the boulevards.

Jasper Ave. changes welcomed

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Edmonton

A Jasper Avenue facelift is expected to begin in 2009, but it can't come fast enough for one shop owner along the thoroughfare.

Gil Joly, owner of Quiznos on Jasper, says he's written many letters to city hall over the past eight months to get a bulletin/advertising board taken down from in front of his shop. He thinks the matter will get resolved when the avenue is revamped.

"I despise that thing," Joly says, with a wave of his hand at the offending stand. "I've been here four years and people are still surprised when I tell them I'm on Jasper Ave. — nobody

Timeline

• City officials said the work may take three to four years to complete.

can see my sign with that board there."

Jim Taylor of the Downtown Business Association said: "We want to make it our main boulevard again, and make it a significant street in Canada, and a street that people recognize when they talk about Edmonton."

Other shop managers on Jasper are also happy about proposed changes, which may include the addition of angle parking and the dismantling of the medians in the middle of the street. However, the entrepreneurs

expect headaches during construction.

"It'll kind of suck until it's finished, but it'll be good when it's done," said Cord Harvey, owner of the Wok Box on Jasper. Neither Joly nor Harvey think the period of reconstruction will hurt their bottom line.

"Maybe it will have a bit of an impact at night, but we get most of our clients from the office towers during the day, and they come in on foot," Harvey said.

"Edmonton is growing everyday, and Jasper Ave. hasn't been touched for a long time — it could really use a makeover," says Ryan Palmer, branch manager of InstaLoans on Jasper. "It'll be a pain until it's finished, but it'll be better for everyone in the long run."

News in brief

INSURANCE The Alberta Insurance Rate Board announced yesterday that Albertans can expect to pay an extra five per cent for mandatory auto insurance starting in November. But that's nothing close to what the Insurance Bureau of Canada recommended back in June, when it asked the board to hike the rates by 37 per cent.

MOUNTIE The RCMP have charged a man with three counts of attempted murder in relation to a high-speed chase near Red Deer in which a Mountie was run down. Police yesterday charged 24-year-old Kenneth Janzen of Saskatoon with numerous offences related to the incident that injured an RCMP officer while he was laying down a spike belt to apprehend the suspect.

CHARGE A city police officer has been formally charged with assault, after she allegedly kicked a man in he head after he stole her cruiser. On Feb. 27, 2007, 38-year-old Const. Celia Frattin had her cruiser stolen when searching for a robbery suspect in Castledowns. It's alleged Frattin kicked the suspect in the head while he was being arrested by two officers. METRO EDMONTON



Watch a report on bus

safety in the wake of Wednesday's chilling incident, and another on the scourge of the pine beetle and Alberta's efforts to minimize the damage Read Marty York's CFL Report, including a tribute to Leif Pettersen

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Rocking the Rockies

Take a hike in the Rockies with CKUA as it broadcasts live from the Canmore Folk Festival August 3rd. If you're there, drop by the broadcast booth, if not, tune in. Also, check out CKUA hosts' festival-inspired play-lists. METRO EDMONTON

Shock sweeps building

Downtown landlord reeling from news of homicide

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A downtown landlord is reeling with more questions than answers, after a "perfect tenant" was taken away in cuffs after his wife was found dead in their apartment

"These are good, nice, gentle, kind people, and I don't understand what's happened," landlord Allan Thompson said yesterday.

Marin Sok, a scrap yard worker, was found in his first floor apartment of a building on 109 Avenue and 106 Street with his wife's body, after a mental health crisis worker sent police looking for him.

Thompson said that around 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, police knocked on his door with the slain woman's nieces.

"They wanted to get into the suite real bad, and so I thought they were worried somebody might be sick or something," Thompson said. "They had to push open the door because it



Building manager Allan Thompson stands beside The Kent apartment building at 109th Avenue and 106th Street. where a woman was found dead last night. The window above and to the left of Thompson belongs to the suite were the body was found.

had been barricaded from the inside. Marin was locked in his bedroom, and they eventually got him out and took him away."

Thompson said that the couple spoke to each other with "terms of endearment," and that that they seemed to have a good relationship.

"Marin and his wife have been tenants of mine since 2000. They were always on time with their rent. They're good people, they don't party, they don't use drugs, and they don't do anything illegal. I mean, they're good people and

it's so shocking."
Thompson said the cou-

ple immigrated to Canada from Cambodia in the early '90s.

He said that Sok looked "agitated" when police lead him away for questioning. Police have not officially released the woman's identity, but did confirm that her husband was being questioned.

Drunk driving blitz on tap, police warn

RYAN SMITH for Metro Edmonton

CHECKSTOP There will be idiots, but Barney Stevens is hoping there won't be much blood.

With the August long weekend looming — historically a bad time of the year for cases of drinking and driving — Edmonton police have announced August is Impaired Driving Month, and they're urging people to plan ahead and be safe.

They've also announced that the CheckStop program, not normally operated in August, will be in full effect this month.

"The sad fact is we know that there will be idiots out there who will drink and drive, and we want to do as



Police announce August is Impaired Driving month.

much as we can to prevent and curtail the danger," says Stevens, co-ordinator of the Curb the Danger Program, a campaign encouraging citizens to call 9-1-1 when they suspect someone is driving drunk.

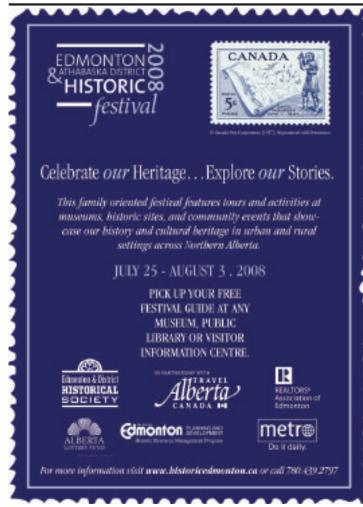
The number of people charged with drunk driving in Edmonton is up 27 per cent from this time last year, with 498 cases, so far.

News in brief

ASSAULT Police quickly arrested a man after a groping spree in a south-side movie theatre. The man approached a 13-year-old girl in a theatre lobby and grabbed her chest. He

then approached a 14-year-old girl from behind and jammed his hand up her shirt. Tim Christian John, 33, is charged with two counts of sexual assault.

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Research Study for Type 2 Diabetes Controlled Through Diet and Exercise Participants Needed

What is the goal of the study?

The goal of the study is to test the safety of a new oral medication to treat diabetes.

Who can enter the study?

Persons with type 2 diabetes who: are currently managing their diabetes through diet and exercise; are between the ages of 31-75 years; and have never received insulin therapy. Additional inclusion and exclusion criteria will be reviewed at time of screening.

What are the study participants asked to do?

Participants will spend a total of seven nights in the University of Alberta Hospital and make six visits to the research unit. Participants will be asked to take a new oral medication. Participants will undergo several monitoring tests (vital signs, ECG, blood and urine sampling).

Are participants compensated?

Participants will be compensated at a rate of \$20/hour for a maximum of 244 hours for their involvement in the study.

Who can I contact for more information?

You may call 780-407-2965 or email kate.bailey@capitalhealth.ca to learn more about the study.

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Regina man facing 10 more child sex offences

Darren Philpott, already accused of a series of sex offences involving children is now facing 10 more charges — and police now are alleging those charges are connected to his work at a school and as a Big Brother volunteer. SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

Canada



Conviction upheld

The Quebec Court of Appeal has upheld the fraud conviction and sentence of Chuck Guité, the former federal bureaucrat who headed the federal sponsorship program. Guité was convicted in May 2006 on five counts of fraud totalling \$1.5 million related to the federal sponsorship program. Guité was sentenced to 31/2 years in

Prentice addresses text fee increase

The federal industry minister has stopped just short of threatening cellular companies over plans to charge for every incoming text message, pointedly noting other countries regulate such fees.

Iim Prentice walked a fine line yesterday, saying Ottawa has no immediate plans of intervening in plans by Bell Canada and Telus to start charging customers 15 cents for incoming messages, including unsolicited junk mail. He then noted the European Union is moving to implement regulations for text message fees.

"We don't have a heavy regulatory burden on the cellular industry. That's something that we have tried to maintain in Canada. At the end of the day, consumers do need to be protected," said Prentice, who was in Lévy, Que., for



"We don't have a heavy regulatory burden on the cellular industry...At the end of the day, consumers do need to be protected"

Industry Minister Jim Prentice

the Conservative caucus retreat.

Prentice made it plain last month that he wasn't happy with the fees, to start Aug. 8 for Bell customers and Aug. 24 for

Telus subscribers for those whose plans don't include a text message bundle.

Since raising the issue, the minister said, he has had a "healthy exchange" with George Cope, president and chief executive of Bell Canada Enterprises and plans to meet with Telus president Darren Entwistle next week.

Spokespeople for Bell and Telus would not comment on the minister's remarks yesterday.

They have said in the past that customers can contact them to have charges for spam messages deleted from their bills.

While it's unclear just

SMUGGLING Two Canadian tobacco firms admitted they had aided the contra-

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Tobacco firms hit with fines

what Prentice plans to do, some analysts and consumer advocates were pleased the minister has weighed in.

"The introduction of the 15-cent charge for incoming text messages represents the height of arrogance on the part of Bell and Telus," saidCarmi Levy, senior vice-president of strategic consulting for AR Communications.

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NDP proposing cap and trade program

JENNIFER TAPLIN

A Jack Layton wants to give transit systems a lot of

The federal NDP leader was in Halifax yesterday to promise money for transit as a counter to the Liberal's Green Plan.

Rather than a carbon tax, Layton suggested a cap on polluters who would pay if they go over the limit.

The money generated would go towards 'solutions' like public transit. Plus he wants to take one cent a litre from the federal gas tax and pour it into transit.

"Across the country, that would give an infusion of cash every single year - cash raised from the people using the transportation system," he said near the Halifax ferry terminal.

He said Liberal Leader



Federal NDP Leader Jack Layton and Halifax West NDP candidate Tamara Lorincz speak to the media at a press conference at the Halifax Ferry Terminal yesterday. He said he'd like to invest \$37.6 million over four years in Halifax's transit system.

Stéphane Dion's carbon tax would cost Halifax's transit \$2 million over four years in diesel tax, but his plan would invest \$37.6 million

A cap-and-trade system would take years to implement, said Liberal MP Geoff Regan in an interview.

"I think what's remarkable is the NDP leader

would come to Halifax and talk about what an NDP government would do for transit as if there was any chance of that happening," Regan said.

Ottawa Buskerfest

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The two firms are Impe-

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to contraband cigarettes in the



Hundreds of people gather on Sparks Street vesterday to watch Australian buskers "Sophie and Jake" perform acrobatics during the opening day of the Ottawa Buskerfest. The festival continues through the long weekend with a variety of acts, including fire-eaters, dancers, acrobats and jugglers.

News in brief

MYRIAM BEDARD Former Olympic gold-medal winner Myriam Bedard has won the right to appeal her conviction on charges she abducted her voung daughter. Bedard was given a conditional discharge and two years probation last October

FOUR-DAY WEEK The Nova Scotia government is looking at switching to a four-day work week to conserve energy. Energy Minister Richard Hurlburt says the idea came up during a brainstorming session about ways to use energy more efficiently.

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8 dead in Minneapolis plane crash

A small business jet crashed near an airport in southern Minnesota yesterday, killing eight people on board, all customers of an architectural glass company who had been headed to Owatonna, a town south of Minneapolis. REUTERS

World



Prince to visit special forces

Britain's Prince William is set to spend time with his country's special forces in the last of his military secondments, Clarence House said yesterday. The second-in-line to the throne will visit UK special forces — the army's Special Air Service and the navy's Special Boat Service in a non-operational role in the autumn.

Agencies overhauled NASA confirms

President Bush orders U.S. intelligence reorganization

The White House yesterday unveiled an overhaul of intelligence powers that concentrates power in the national intelligence director and drew immediate criticism from Congress for failing to consult on the changes.

President Bush approved revising a 1981 executive order to better define the various intelligence agencies' roles and responsibilities as well as take into account a 2004 law that created the director of national intelligence job.

The efforts to shore up U.S. intelligence activities

Director's new powers

 Under the order, the director of national intelligence, Mike McConnell, will gain primary responsibility for developing

ligence agencies that had been traditionally handled by the Central Intelligence Agency.

relationships with foreign intel-

follow numerous lapses, including failing to detect the Sept. 11 attacks ahead of time as well as erroneous conclusions about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

Even after the position was created, the intelligence community has not been without controversy. Last December it issued a report that questioned Iran's nuclear weapons ambitions despite concerns by

some administration hard-

"Today's actions will help create a more effective intelligence community capable of providing the president and his advisers with information necessary to

defend our national and homeland security," White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said.

The action by Bush provoked bipartisan anger among House lawmakers who said they were not properly consulted or briefed on the planned changes.

'We were only shown the document after it was complete and on its way to the president for his signa-ture," said Rep. Silvestre Reyes, a Texas Democrat who heads the House Intelligence Committee.

REUTERS

water on Mars

SPACE NASA scientists said been touched and tasted," yesterday they had definitive proof that water exists on Mars after further tests on ice found on the planet in June by the Phoenix Mars Lander.

"We have water, said William Boyn-'We have water," for the Thermal and water." Evolved-Gas Analyz- William er instrument on Boynton

"We've seen evidence for this water ice before in observations by the Mars Odvssev orbiter and in disappearing chunks observed by Phoenix last month, but this is the first time Martian water has

he said, referring to the craft's instruments.

NASA vesterday also extended the mission of the Phoenix Mars Lander by five weeks, saying its work

was moving beyond the search for water to exploring whether the red planet was ever capable of sustaining

"We are extending the mission through September 30," Michael Meyer, chief scientist for NASA's Mars exploration program, told a televised news conference.

REUTERS

Gore set to star at convention

AMERICA Al Gore, long mocked as an exaggerating bore, seems certain to land a lead role at the Democratic National Convention as a recognized defender of the Earth.

"He'll receive a tremendous reception," said Democratic Sen. Tom Harkin of Iowa, a convention delegate.
"A lot of us still feel he

was cheated" in the 2000 vote, Harkin said. "If he'd been president, we wouldn't have had these (Bush administration) messes the past eight years."

Karadzic makes his first UN tribunal appearance

THE HAGUE Former Bosnian leader Radovan Karadzic appeared before a UN war crimes judge for

the first time yesterday to answer geno-cide charges and said he had been kidnapped and feared for his life.

Karadzic, arrested last week after 11 years on the run, wore a dark suit and Radovan tie. He appeared Karadzic gaunt, his shock of hair whiter and shorter than when he was last seen

in public out of disguise more than a decade ago.

Sitting in the seat once occupied by former Serbian

President Slobodan Milosevic. 63-yearold Karadzic began in composed mood, giving one-word answers and occasionally cracking a joke. Asked whether his

family knew of his whereabouts Karadz-ic said: "I do not believe there is anyone

who doesn't know that I am in detention."

Finland Cracking down on Roma



A woman begs for money on a street corner in Helsinki. Finland is cracking down on Roma, or gypsies, who beg with their children, threatening to send mothers and children back to their country of origin or to take the children into foster care. The aim, authorities say, is to protect the children.

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ISRAEL Israel's right-wing leader Benjamin Netanyahu called yesterday for an early election to replace Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, whose pledge to resign has deepened uncertainty over Middle East peacemaking. Top advisers said Olmert could stay in office for months as caretaker premier, long enough to pursue talks with the Palestinians and Syria. But politicians said the leader had no mandate to commit Israel to any deals.

SCIENCE The first object to brighten the dark, primordial universe after the Big Bang was the tiny seed of a star that rapidly grew into a behemoth 100 times more massive than the sun, scientists said yesterday. This first generation of stars apparently lived hard and died quickly. While our sun may live 5 billion years, these first stars likely lasted only a slim fraction of that - about 1 million years. the researchers said.

MILITANTS The leader of the Sunni insurgent group al-Qaida in Iraq and several of his top lieutenants have recently left Iraq for Afghanistan, the Washington Post reported yesterday. In a report from Baghdad that quoted group leaders and Iragi and U.S. intelligence officials, the newspaper said there were also indications al-Qaida was diverting new recruits from Iraq to Afghanistan. REUTERS

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U.K. firm names polluters

OILSANDS Syncrude Canada emits the most greenhouse-gas emissions per barrel of oil it produces, according to a study by U.K.-based Trucost that ranked eight major oil sands operations for their "carbon risk."

The least carbon-intensive project in Alberta is the Muskeg River Mine, which emits one-tenth the emissions. Differences in carbon-intensity will reflect profitability once carbon pricing is intro-duced. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Bank State takeover likely



A woman walks past a branch of Banco de Venezuela in Caracas vesterday. Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez said he will nationalize the unit of Spain's Grupo Santander bank, expanding his drive for state control of key sectors of the economy.

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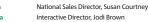
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COTT A big slump in North American demand for soft drinks contributed to a second-quarter loss at Cott Corp. and raised questions about its ability to meet earnings growth targets. Cott said the volume of drinks it sold fell 11 per cent on tougher competition.

ENERGY Imperial Oil Ltd.'s profit surged 61 per cent to a company record in the second quarter as sky-high oil and gas prices more than made up for lower output, Canada's No. 2 oil producer and refiner, and owner of Esso gas stations, said yesterday. REUTERS

Philip Morris buys Rothmans

Philip Morris International said yesterday it agreed to acquire Rothmans for about \$2 billion in a deal that would give it total control of Canada's No. 2 cigarette maker.

The deal offers \$30 a share for Rothmans, whose sole holding is a 60 per cent stake in cigarette mak-er Rothmans Benson & Hedges (RBH). Philip Morris already owned 40 per cent of the cigarette maker.

Philip Morris's offer represents almost a 17 per cent premium over Rothmans' 20-day average trading price through July 30.

Rothmans shareholders will receive a significant cash premium and PMI consolidates its presence in a market that we deem

"Rothmans shareholders will receive a significant cash premium"

Louis Camilleri

financially attractive and of strategic importance go-ing forward," Philip Morris Chairman and Chief Executive Louis Camilleri said.

Rothmans and RBH said they had paid a \$100 million fine and agreed to pay \$450 million more over the next 10 years to settle a case after pleading guilty to helping smugglers. RBH processes leaf tobac-

co at plants in Brampton, Ont., and Quebec City, Quebec. REUTERS







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10 sports

Four Iraqi athletes will go to the Beijing Games, organizers said yesterday, up from an initial two allowed to take part when the International Olympic Committee lifted a ban on Iraq's participation. REUTERS

Beijing Games

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Sharapova pulls out of Games

TENNIS World number three Maria Sharapova pulled out of the Beijing Olympics yesterday after an MRI scan on her right shoulder revealed two small tears.

"I'm currently packing up really quick to hop on the plane and head to New York for a second opinion but I wanted to let all of you know first that there's no chance of me competing in Beijing," Sharapova said.

Better technology to help with tests

DOPING Improved technologies for catching athletes who use the banned substance human growth hormone are reliable and will not lead to false positive tests, a top Olympic official said yesterday.

terday.

An earlier test for HGH was introduced by the World Anti-Doping Agency in 2004, but production was halted two years later.

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Tuesday's lineup

MEDAL HOPEFULS In the final days before the Games, Metro will profile four of Canada's top medal hopefuls. Read Metro on Tuesday for more.

days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

Crackdown on chit-chat

City government gives residents advice on what to say to tourists

Don't ask a tourist's age or wage, steer clear of sex and avoid religion: What many Chinese consider idle chit-chat has now become the latest area of censure in Beijing as it prepares for an influx of Olympic visitorss.

Posters displayed on bulletin boards in the neighbourhood that includes tourist magnet the Forbidden City, and which will host Olympics boxing events, counsel locals against a wide range of potentially awkward conversation topics with foreigners.

tion topics with foreigners. The list of "eight don't asks" was issued by the Dongcheng district Propaganda Department as a guide for locals about how to show proper hospitality, a department spokesman said.

"Don't ask about income or expenses, don't ask about age, don't ask about love life or marriage, don't ask about someone's home or address, don't ask about personal experience, don't ask about religious beliefs or political views, don't ask what someone does," the Olympics logo stamped poster advises.

Several etiquette guidelines have already been issued in the run-up to the



Volunteers participate in etiquette training for the award ceremonies at the Olympic Games

Games, as China prepares to put its best foot forward with a faultless event.

The government has campaigned to curb queuejumping, spitting, littering and even speaking loudly in public, fearful such behaviour could mar Beijing's image.

While some said the guidelines may make people feel nervous about chatting with the 500,000 overseas visitors expected in Beijing for the Aug. 8-24 Games, others questioned the need for them in lively discussions on the Inter-

"Other than the weather what else are you supposed to talk about?" asked one blogger on the New York Craiglist website

Craiglist website.

"Are there also eight

"Other than the weather, what else are you supposed to talk about?"

'don't tell's'?" asked another on the popular Shanghai blog, Shanghaiist (shanghaiist.com.)

"While 'Eight Don't Asks' is a general practice in the States ... I don't understand why Chinese living in China should follow this rather western guideline," wrote "LC" on another English-language site.

Others online defended the list as a way to bridge cultural gaps and avoid confused reactions from visitors to questions some might find too intrusive.

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Censorship scandal continues in China

The media should have been told they would not have total Internet freedom before arriving for the Beijing Olympics, a senior IOC official said yesterday, as rights groups piled criticism on both the IOC and host China.

As the row over censorship continued, International Olympic Committee press chief Kevan Gosper said both he and the international media had been taken by surprise that some politically sensitive websites had been blocked.

"It's learning of it at al-

"I think they could have done better."

Kevan Gosper

most the last minute that I think is destabilizing the international media and certainly embarrassing for me, as up 'til 48 hours ago I was insisting it would be free and uncensored Internet access," Gosper said.

Gosper said the local or-

Gosper said the local organizers BOCOG's failure to inform media beforehand that this would not happen was not good enough. "We've noticed that the

"We've noticed that the words being used by BOCOG have changed in recent months from 'uncensored' to what is more like 'convenient and timely,' or 'convenient and available.' These are quite different words," he added.

"Nevertheless, no one has come out publicly and said



Nobel Peace Prize winner Desmond Tutu was among those urging athletes to speak up on human rights in China.

on behalf of BOCOG or the IOC, 'Sorry, but there are certain Internet websites which are blocked,'" Gosper said. "I think they could have done better."

Amnesty International, whose website is among those barred in China, condemned Internet restrictions during the Games as "betraying the Olympic values"

Czech ex-president Vaclav Havel and Nobel Peace Prize winner Bishop Desmond Tutu and other campaigners urged athletes to speak up on human rights in China during the Beijing Games.

"We are concerned that the Beijing Olympics might simply become a giant spectacle to distract the attention of the international public from the violations of human and civil rights in China," stated the letter signed by 17 politicians and rights activists and issued in Prague.

Bowman to join Blackhawks front office

The Chicago Blackhawks named Scotty Bowman as the team's senior advisor of hockey operations yesterday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

ports

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Pettersen well liked



It was 1979 when I first met Leif Pettersen. I was a rookie CFL reporter with The Globe and Mail. He was a lanky receiver with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

After a tough loss on a frigid afternoon, I sat down beside him in the Ticats' locker room to pick his brain. He was chain smoking. He must have gone through 10 cigarettes in 10 minutes as he dissected the game. I was on deadline, but he wouldn't let me leave until he was done.

And I realized then that the man could analyze football. He was a natural for the broadcast booth, with movie-star looks, a reasonable command of the English language and a high-pitched voice that enhim to hammer home his main points with verbal exclamation marks.

CFL A pre-game appearance in the dressing room by Ja-

son Tucker was supposed

to provide an emotional lift

before the Edmonton Eski-

mos faced the B.C. Lions at

Commonwealth Stadium

last night.
If roller-coaster rides

qualify as that, then Tuck-

er, back in Edmonton after

having surgery to repair neck fractures suffered in a

19-13 win over the Hamil-

ton Tiger-Cats last week,

ROBIN BROWNLEE

So up to the booth he eventually went. And, at the beginning of what turned out to be an illustrious 18-year broadcasting career (10 more years than he played), Pettersen was teamed with the legendary, late Pat Marsden. Pat took Leif under his wing and made his transition even easier. Somehow, I can see Pat welcoming Leif again today, as the two reunite. Pettersen died this week

at only 57, the victim of an apparent heart attack. What a shocker. He appeared to be in very good shape, was a successful businessman and was never short of friends.

One of his closest was Keith Pelley, his former boss at TSN. Pettersen was the best man at Pelley's wedding. When Pelley became the president of the Toronto Argonauts, he hired Pettersen as a club ambassador and persuaded him to speak to business groups in a bid to sell season tickets. When Pelley quit the Argos last year to become chief of the CTV-Rogers Olympic Consortium, he recommended

Eskimos surge back to defeat Lions in wild one

In a game that saw

the Eskimos up 7-0

early, down 24-10 in

the third quarter and

even 24-24 on An-

drew Nowacki's first

CFL touchdown in

the fourth quarter,

Tucker's teammates

won a wild one 35- Jason Tucker

Noel Prefontaine's 42yard field goal with 6:43 to

play was the difference

and Ricky Ray added a one-

vard touchdown late as the

Esks snapped a five-game

up.

that Pettersen replace him. sources said, but the Argos owners chose Clemons instead.

"Leif is one of the most vibrant, one of the most interesting guys I know," Pelley told me when I worked with him and Pettersen on TSN's CFL telecasts last decade. "You ought to try to be more like him. It'd help vou."

Ŵell, I couldn't be like Pettersen, even if I tried. Few could. He was too cool. And yet he was also feisty.

He didn't end up liking me very much, either, but I sure got a kick out of him and his style. Even when he challenged me — on the air during live broadcasts – to identify sources I simply couldn't. Even when he challenged me to a postshow brawl outside the studio. (Yes, he really did that.)

Here's hoping he's at peace now.

For more CFL stuff, incidentally, check out my latest CFL Report, only at www.metronews.ca.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Ray looked sharp

early — going 4-for-4 passing in staking

the Eskimos to a 7-0

lead on an eight-

play, 91-yard drive

he capped with a keeper on Edmon-

ton's first possession

20-3 the rest of the half.

But a Bradley Robinson in-

terception helped turn the

tides in favour of Edmon-

- but then the Lions clamped down. B.C. outscored the Esks

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Sports in brief

MLB Canadian outfielder Jason Bay was part of a three-team deal that saw Bay go to the Red Sox and Manny Ramirez end up with the Dodgers. The White Sox traded for Ken Griffey Jr. in a separate deal.

TENNIS World No. 1 Ana Ivanovic of Serbia was upset by Austria's Tamira Paszek 6-2, 1-6, 6-2 at the Rogers Cup in Montreal vesterday.

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Prep: 10 min Ready In: 10 min Makes: 2-1/3 cups

INGREDIENTS: 1/2 cup *MIRACLE WHIP* Dressing + 1 cup sour cream + 1/2 cup KRAFT 100% Parmesan Grated Cheese + 1/2 cup each: finely chopped green and red pepper + 1/2 tsp. garlic powder

DIRECTIONS: 1) MIX 2) REFRIGERATE 3) SERVE 4) BRACE yourself for unique flavour.





ARTICHOKE AND PEPPER PARM DIP

Prep: 10 min Ready In: 1 hr 10 min Makes: 3 cup

INGREDIENTS: 1 cup *MIRACLE WHIP* Dressing + 1 pkg. (250 g)
PHILADELPHIA Brick Cream Cheese, softened + 1/3 cup KRAFT 100%
Parmesan Grated Cheese + 1 can (398 mL) artichoke hearts, drained, coarsely chopped + 1 red pepper, chopped + 2 green onions, chopped

DIRECTIONS: 1) MIX cream cheese and dressing. 2) ADD remaining ingredients. 3) REFRIGERATE. 4) BRACE yourself for unique flavour.





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Prep: 10 min Ready In: 40 min Makes: 3 cup

INGREDIENTS: 1 cup *MIRACLE WHIP* CALORIE-WISE Dressing, 25% less calories than our regular product + 1 pkg. (300 g) frozen chopped broccoli, thawed, well drained + 1/4 cup finely chopped drained roasted red peppers + 1/2 cup KRAFT 100% Parmesan Grated Cheese Light, 26% less fat than our regular product + 1 cup KRAFT Part Skim Mozzarella Shredded Cheese, divided

DIRECTIONS: 1) PREHEAT oven to 350°F. Combine dressing, broccoli, peppers,
Parmesan cheese and 1/2 cup of the mozzarella cheese. 2) SPREAD into 1-L baking dish
or 9-inch pie plate. 3) BAKE 20 to 25 min. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup mozzarella
cheese. Bake an additional 5 min. 4) BRACE yourself for unique flavour.









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"There was a need for a more modern colour palette."

Lori Taylor, professional artistry relations manager at Smashbox Cosmetics, explains in regards to this season's bright eye shadow colour trend.



Best dressed

The Vanity Fair 2008 best-dressed list came out this week, and there's not one Canuck in the bunch. Gracing the cover and list is former model and current French first lady Carla Bruni Sarkozv. left. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Nice Day for a White Wedding

Be a bit rebellous with white



ask kim

My eyeliner and mascara always smidges by the end of the day. Can you recommend good products that won't smudge?

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white summer styles

If you're one to follow the rule of 'wear no white after Labour Day,' then you've got exactly 31 days left. On the other hand, if you like to stand out and be a bit rebellious then here are a couple of items you can mix in and layer with well after Labour Day. Add a bit of interest to your plain white tee with crochet accents and mother or pearl buttons. If you're looking for a casual dress the Gap dress is perfect, wear with gladiator sandals for the summer then with opaque tights for fall. The Jacob jacket is a great lightweight jacket perfect for cool summer evenings or for building to building walks this fall semester

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Bright beauty

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Bright colours are heating up this summer with handbags, shoes and now makeup being offered in more vibrant shades.

"There was a need for a modern more colour palette," explains Lori Taylor, professional artistry relations manager at Smashbox Cosmetics.

Smashbox, a Californiabased company, offers a large selection of these playful eye shadows. Their newest line. Desert Chic, includes colours ranging from neutrals to turquoise.

The summertime is to have fun, especially with these new colours," says Tay-

To find the most flattering colours for you. Taylor recommends basing your choices on eye colour.

"Pick a shade you like but don't contour and highlight. Apply a wash of colour across the lash-line to the natural crease [of the eye]."

While fashion is helping dictate the trends in makeup, bolder eye shadow is representing a new, brighter attitude among women.

"It's bright outside, so be bright! Look at your personal style and go with that," advises Caitlin Callahan, senior artist at MAC Cosmetics.

MAC, originally a Canadian company, is known for their emphasis on the eyes.

Recently, they launch a new line called Electro Flash, which features a bold mixes of eve shadow colour.

"I took them on a photo shoot and they are the most versatile products I've used in a long time," says Callahan.

The Electro Flash container is split into two parts. On one side, there is a mix of three colours and one complimenting shade on the other side.

"It's a beautiful, translucent veil that has depth. All together it makes putting



This season's bold eye shadow shades represent a new, brighter attitude among women.

shades to help you get the look

tro Flash in Sea & Sky, \$22; CoverGirl Tropical Fusion, \$6.99:

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makeup on] easy," she says. The new collection is a throwback to glamour/rock trend of the

For those thinking of casting themselves away from the trend of bright eve shadow. Callahan insists that this makeup is meant for every-

"Anyone can wear these colours. It's more about style, not about race or age."



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Potent Pineapple

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Seth Rogen, carrying co-star James Franco, followed through with producer Judd Apatow's suggestion to tackle a "weed action movie" when Rogen and writing partner Evan Goldberg penned Pineapple Express.



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Music

Billy Talent says F-U to MS



illy Talent drummer Aaron Solowoniuk is in a good The band, place. fresh from celebrating their 15th anniversary. has just returned from a invigorating 2 1/2 week swing through Germany, Finland, Norway, Russia and Poland that has left everyone in the

group feeling great. We had sold 400 albums in all of Poland, yet 800 people came to see our show. Maybe it had something

with

600,000 copies of their first two albums, Billy Talent has earned the right to take some time recording their next CD. At this moment, though, demos are

name," he says with a quiet

After selling more than

being assembled, producers are being considered, studios are being scouted and the group is in the process of finding a building to serve as the new BT HQ. And while that third record won't be ready until next spring, Aaron let it slip that fans will be rewarded with a new song called Turn Your Back in

the fall.

there's F.U.M.S., Billy Talent's crusade against multiple sclerosis, a disease that's on Aaron's mind every day because he's had to live with it himself for more than a decade. Thanks to three weekly injections of a hideously expensive drug, Aaron's MS is under control. Aaron realizes he's blessedly lucky, which is why he and the band are behind the MS Society of Canada's Scholarship Program. It provides post-secondary education support to young adults 25 and under with MS or those who have a parent living with the disease.

"My goal for this program," he says, "is for young people to have the opportu-

dreams,

expected to raise at least

"These kids write things that bring tears to my eyes," says Aaron. "To be able to help them is amazing. I want to keep this up



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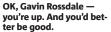
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gardless of the presence of MS in their lives Next Friday's Second Annual F.U.M.S. Open in On-JIM REYNO for Metro Canada tario, will see more than 100 golfers - including some of

BT's musician friends — is

This year, 80 scholarships valued at nearly \$80,000 are being distributed to students across the country. In a few weeks, some of the essays written by scholarship winners will be posted at mssociety.ca/scholarship. You can also make a donation at the site.

Rossdale's reality gig



"Every time I go sing a vocal, I feel like this is it everything depends on it," the former Bush frontman says about his singing approach. "I'm in the Cup final every time. If I don't get this right, I'm out. I'm done. I'm gone.

Rossdale was in Toronto recently to talk about his appearance on Canadian Idol, his first solo album Wanderlust, and a little bit about the baby he and wife Rossdale is blunt about the pressure he felt to make a successful record. After a multi-platinum, five-album run with Bush, Rossdale took a step back commercially with the hard-edged group Institute.

So now what?

"If I was going to make another record, it really had to connect, or I could be in certain degrees of trouble," Rossdale said. "That's just me being realistic and truthful."

Wanderlust, produced by legendary Canuck Bob Rock, was released June 3 and has surpassed Institute's chart performance.



Gavin Rossdale was a guest on Canadian Idol this week.

And here's a good way to ensure better album sales: Rossdale appeared on Canadian Idol this week, mentoring the Top 8 with their acoustic-performance skills, as well as performing his single Love Remains the Same.

The 42-year-old London native said he was impressed with the finalists' dedication. "You didn't get the sense that it wasn't about the fame, you got the sense that it was about music for them," Rossdale said. "A lot of people nowadays, being famous is probably the No. 1 career de-

As for his own marketing, Rossdale said an extensive tour is on hold for a few months, to give the album a chance to gain momentum. Also: "I'm about to have another baby. It's kind of cool, because it's like complete chaos. And I think life is richer when it's full of chaos. The idea of having an ordered, simple life is just not for me."



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Caution: 'Mummy on the loose!'

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The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor Director: Rob Cohen Stars: Brendan Fraser, Maria Bello, Jet Li

Classification: PG Rating:

REVIEW For someone who keeps saying he "really hates mummies," Brendan Fraser sure keeps coming back to them a lot. If he iust listened to his character's own empty rantings of detest, maybe he (and we) would've been much better off.

In this third offering of the successful franchise, adventurer Rick O'Connell returns to action taking his wife (Maria Bello sporting a spotty British accent) to China to deliver a legendary diamond.

There, he learns his son (Luke Ford) dug up the



The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor features some crazy visual effects.

tomb of evil Emperor Han (Jet Li) and ... well, to spare you the contrived plot details, just assume that blood

is spilt, the Emperor awakens and as Rick O'Connell exclaims, "There's a mummy on the loose!

Now, nobody should expect perfection out of this type of popcorn movie, but at least give us a reasonable story and a shred of intelligent dialogue.

Here, lines are so baseless, expository and unfunny that when a yak yaks on one character, he declares "the yak yakked." Wasn't that a throwaway line from Abbott & Costello Meet the Mummy?

Sure, there are plenty of crazy visual effects of warriors, a dragon and even yetis (what, no mid-20th century goblins?) but they only serve to mildly distract from a tedious, laboured storyline.

At Comic-Con in San Diego recently, Fraser described this film as a "love

Well, this is as much a love story as There Will Be Blood is a meditation on

adiry products.

And basically, that's why this movie stinks — a clear lack of focus, direction and yes, even "love" leaves this mummy as thrilling as a 2,000-yearold bag of bones.

The Wackness is worth a look

RICK MCGINNIS

The Wackness **Director: Jonathan Levine** Stars: Josh Peck, Ben Kingsley, Olivia Thirlby Classification: 14A Rating:

REVIEW A triangle connects the three main characters in The Wackness, though it isn't love they share, but high-grade weed. Luke (Josh Peck) was a self-described zero in high school, though his cachet as a pot dealer is probably the only thing that's kept him from tipping down the teenage social precipice.

In the summer between graduation and university. he falls for former classmate Stephanie (Olivia Thirlby), the stepdaughter of Dr. Squires (Ben Kingsley), one of his best cust-

Luke has been trading weed for analysis, but he and the older man develop a bond when Stephanie, in the city for the summer and flattered by Luke's awkward crush, decides to hang out with him as he deals baggies of grass from an ice-cream cart.

Josh Peck captures the mannerisms of a teenage boy, and the easily bruised emotions that lie beneath the bravado. Thirlby is just as good as Stephanie, perfectly embodying the sort of girl most boys fall for self-confident with a slight edge in emotional maturity over any boy the same

Jonathan Levine's film is exactly the sort of small but well-observed essay on relationships that indie films should be.

Swing, and a miss: Swing Vote a disappointment

ADAM NAYMAN for Metro Canada

Swing Vote Director: Joshua Michael

Stars: Kevin Costner, Dennis Hopper Classification: PG

Rating:

REVIEW Earnest (Bud) Johnson — an affable smalltown screwup who accidentally gets the chance to determine the outcome of the U.S. presidential election — is pretty much the prototypical Kevin Costner role: the aw-shucks messiah whose basic decency wins the day

Swing Vote feels very much like a vanity project, but unlike The Postman or Open Range, Costner didn't write or direct (he did produce).

However, like The Postman and Open Range, the film is a debacle: a lazy attempt at a contemporary Frank Capra fable that takes the tone of a condescending civics lesson.

It's a bad sign when beer-swilling layabout Bud, coerced to cast his vote by his implausibly precocious 10-vear old daughter (poised newcomer Made-

line Carroll) gets cold-cocked by an overhanging "re-member to vote" sign: nothing like literally being smacked by metaphor (for him, or for us).

Things actually Costner get worse from there, as undecided voter Bud becomes an overnight celebrity and courted by incumbent president Kelsey Grammer and Democratic challenger Dennis Hopper.

The candidates are wittily cast (arch-Republican Sideshow Bob vs. The Easy Rider himself) but the roles are so bland that the joke gets muffled; the satirical jibes at their mutual willingness to flip-flop ideologies on Bud's whims are simi-

larly toothless.

Bud's eventual political awakening (once again dully literalized by having his daughter forcibly rouse

him out of bed at regular intervals) is so perfunctory that it's insulting.

After one montage of diligent study with his daughter (and, of course, a sexy TV newswoman), he emerges as an expert on the issues and leads a presidential debate (complete with standard-issue halting Costner monologue).

At which point, director Joshua Michael Stern hurriedly cuts away from the discussion. After all, we can't have any actual politics in our political come-



Sisterhood reunites Rogen's description:

FEATURE Ask the four stars of The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 about what it was like filming the sequel, and they immediately mention a moped accident — and whose fault it was.

"It was Amber's fault," America Ferrera insists.

"Right," Amber Tamblyn says.

It was my fault. But Blake hit the back of everybody."

'But she wouldn't have if you didn't stop," Ferrera responds. Within seconds, all four actresses are talking at once, showing off the very real bond they've developed.

The film, in theatres Aug. 6, reunites Ferrera, Tamblyn, Blake Lively and Alexis Bledel, who first brought the characters from Ann Bashares' bestselling book series to life in 2005.

Part two crams the next three books in the series into one movie, but the bond between the main characters remains the



Alexis Bledel returns alongside America Ferrera. Amber Tamblyn and Blake Lively in the The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2.

heart of the film.

The four young actresses, all film and TV stars in their own rights, have stayed grounded despite the allure of the Young Hollywood culture.

"At the end of the day of work, I want to go to dinner, I want to watch a movie," says Lively.

"I don't want to go to a club and not wear panties."

Of course, it's hard to

go too crazy when you have friends watching out for you.

"If any of us dared to be ridiculous, we would get a lot of phone calls," Ferrera says.

Tamblyn agrees: "From each other, saying, 'What were you doing? You're grounded.'"

"What I love about this movie is that it gives young women an example of strong female rela-

tionships," Ferrera says. She hopes to see more films portraying women "supporting each other instead of tearing each other down."

Now, about that moped accident. "It was very dramatic," Tamblyn ex-plains. "Great for a first day of shooting." Ferrera agrees: But Tamblyn can't help getting a joke

in.
"It was good because I got to make fun of them on crutches," she says, smiling slyly.

"She would take our crutches, too," Lively says. And with that, they're off again, all four talking at once.
Just like real friends.

'a weed action movie'

STEVE GOW for Metro Canada



Seth Rogen

FEATURE To sum up Pineapple Express, Seth Rogen simply has to think back to what star producer Judd Apatow suggested he and writing partner Evan Goldberg tackle next after penning surprise hit Superbad: "A weed action movie."

For those who are familiar with the Vancouver-born actor/writer, it's not totally out of character.

"Me and Evan thought that could be rad," Rogen admitted recently in Los Angeles. "Basically, we started thinking if we could make a movie that was kind of a weed movie and an action movie and (had) a real friendship story to it, that would be our favorite movie ever."

Hitting theatres next Friday, the comedy tells the of Dale (Rogen), a slothful process server who spins into weed-en-hanced panic after witnessing a murder. desperation, Dale seeks refuge with his dope deal-

(James

Franco).

Saul

but the two unlikely companions are soon being chased by crooked cops, henchmen and a ridiculous mid-level dealer (Danny McBride).

Now, Rogen may have perfected the innocent, stoner type with his turn in last summer's hit Knocked Up, but he insists Dale is a far cry from playing pot-smoker-turnedproud papa Ben Stone. "To me, the fact that a character smokes weed isn't really what I hang my hat on necessarily. I mean, Arthur and James Bond aren't the same because they both drink," reasons Rogen. Besides, both Rogen and Goldberg set out to make an action movie: not a romantic comedy a la Knocked Up.

Both were huge fans of '80s action hits like Lethal Weapon, Die Hard and basically "anything with Brian Bosworth in it". To make it authentic, Rogen knew they had to get physical and even take on a few stunts. "Ya, we hurt ourselves," brags Rogen.
"Franco cracked his face open; McBride cracked the back of his head open" resulting in a concussion, thanks in part to Franco, who struck McBride with a water-filled bong.

"We're all friends. It's very bonding to beat the crap out of each other," laughs Rogen. "It was very physical; you're in somewhat homoerotic positions; lots of me on Danny's back. I rode Danny's back for two days." Chimes in McBride: "Sometimes it wasn't even during the movie."

Pineapple Express will be reviewed Wednesday.

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Levine sticks to what he knows in The Wackness: N.Y.C., circa 1994

RICK McGINNIS Metro Canada



FEATURE Director Jonathan Levine probably could have saved a lot of money if he'd opted for setting The Wackness, his coming-of-age film starring Ben Kingsley and Josh Peck, in the here and now instead of in the New York of the early '90s, when Rudolph Giuliani was cracking down on crime and hip hop was going mainstream with acts like A Tribe Called Quest and De La Soul. The 30-year-old director insists, though, the setting is essential to his story, and his ability to write it.

"Basically I started out with the 'write what you know' adage in my head," Levine tells me, "and if I tried to write a coming-ofage film for kids in 2008 I would have gotten it all wrong — I just don't know what they do, with their Facebooking and MySpacing and whatever they do. So that was the first reason, and when I started writing it I started infusing it with more and more of my own personal memories from the time, and the biggest thing was that the Giulianification of New York was such a good allegory for what these two people are trying to figure out as far as their own existential dilemmas, and bevond that I just wanted to use a bunch of the music from the time because I liked it.

"It was very specific to this person that it was a time when hip hop was crossing over into white, suburban culture, and I think the spirit of hip hop was something (Josh Peck's Luke) latches onto — it's the music of his rebellion. And for me that was a very defining time, so I guess I wanted to have a character who was defining himself in these hip hop terms but wasn't a one-dimensional human being. For me, also at the time New York was I don't want to sound like an old curmudgeon but a much more vibrant world. There were these different subcultures bumping up against each other, and there was Giuliani trying to enforce these laws that pissed people off, and you couldn't go anywhere without people complaining about Giuliani.

Like almost any comingof-age story, The Wackness is suffused with a melancholy spirit that Levine says is unavoidable with



Jonathan Levine

youth, like Luke, in the grey area between their teen years and adulthood.

"I think it's a combination of things - melancholy or bittersweet, it's kind of a fine line between the two. It's like a combination of 'This is a very difficult time for me,' mixed with 'This is the only time I'm gonna be this young and innocent.' It's about this perpetual loss that keeps going on, whether it's a loss of innocence or a loss of youth. That's not always a happy thing - it's kind of a bummer. But at the same time there are important lessons. I hope (my movie) is more bittersweet than melancholy, but it's a dark place to go. The good thing is that when you're young is that it washes off your back in a way that it doesn't when you're older.'

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Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (G) Fri 1:50-4:05-6:45-9:10 Sat 1:50-4:05-6:45-9:10-11:25 Sun-Thu 1:50-4:05-6:45-9:10

Made of Honor (PG) Fri 9:20 Sat 9:20-11:30 Sun-Thu 9:20 Meet Dave (PG) Fri 2:05-4:45-7:25-9:35 Sat

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What Happens in Vegas (PG) Fri 1:30-4:10-7:10-9:35 Sat 1:30-4:10-7:10-9:35-12 Sun-Thu 1:30-4:10-7:10-9:35

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Movie morsels

The Dark Knight

REVIEW The follow-up to Batman Begins takes the caped crusader down a darker path. When the psychopathic villain The Joker (played by the late Heath Ledger) terrorizes Gotham City.

Batman (Christian Bale) is tangled in a moral struggle. People will flock to this film (and rightly so) because Christopher Nolan creates a stunning visual masterpiece and captures mesmerizing performances by Bale and Ledger.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Hancock

REVIEW Comic-book aficionados will spot the patchwork of some of the genre's classically corruptible characters that make up Will Smith's flawed protagonist.

Hancock drinks like Tony Stark, causes mayhem like Bruce Banner's better half, and like X-Man, is a nearly indestructible boor who can't remember his past. Like all three, his heart is in the right place when it comes to saving the world

Brian Towie/Metro Canada

The X-Files: I Want to Believe

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REVIEW Ex-FBI agent Dana Scully (Gillian Anderson). now a full-time hospital surgeon, pulls her part-ner Fox Mulder (David Duchovny) out of exile to track a missing agent. Helping them is Father Joe (Billy Connolly), a pedophile priest who sniffs out severed body parts and crime scenes for the bureau with his questionable psychic abilities. It's a path beaten long before by a much better movie. Brian Towie/Metro Canada

Mamma Mia!

REVIEW The first 20 minutes of Mamma Mia! are taken up with arrivals on a Greek island where Sophie (Amanda Seyfried) is getting married at the hotel run by Donna (Meryl Streep), her hippie mother. Based on the Broadway musical that made ABBA songs even more omnipresent, it's the story of Sophie's search for her father, after learning he could have been one of three men her mother slept with during an eventful summer in the '70S. Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

Step Brothers

REVIEW Ferrell re-teams with his Talladega Nights co-star John C. Reilly to play a middle-aged slacker who must cope with his new 40-something step brother.

Every bit immature equals, the siblings square off like tantrumfilled toddlers.

It's a thin story to hang jokes on but part of the reason it works is because you don't know where the script ends and the improvisation begins..

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Wall E

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REVIEW In the absence of his creators, who are cruising the universe, Wall-E, the big-eyed trash-compacting robot, is left to dig mankind out of its mess on an earth. He has developed a lovelorn little soul, until Eve arrives. Eve is a sleek creature looking for signs of plant life that would mean Earth is becoming habitable again. When she's taken to the mothership after finding the seedling Wall-E's been tending, he hitches along.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada





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Actor Josh Lucas has been signed to star in the new Tim Robbins series Possible Side Effects. The Showtime drama, which will be shot in New York, revolves around three brothers with a family-run pharmaceutical company. **EW.COM**

TV

Luke Perry joins Law & Order

Former Beverly Hills, 90210 star Luke Perry has signed on to join the cast of Law & Order: SVU after rejecting an offer to reprise his role in the hit TV series, imdb.com reports.

Perry's former castmates Tori Spelling, Jennie Garth and Shannen Doherty have signed up to appear in the forthcoming spin-off series.

But the 41-year-old actor,

return

 According to celebrity blog PerezHilton.com, Perry will couple with Bowen to play a father accused of abusing their foster child.

who has enjoyed limited success since leaving the show in 1995, has instead signed on to appear in the criminal drama's season premiere. The hour-long special will also feature guest appearances by Roseanne star Sara Gilbert and Lost actress Julie Bowen.

Just last month, the actor explained his decision not to take part in the show. "I can't re-imagine it currently. It's just not something that I've thought about to be quite honest, I don't see it happening," Perry said.

METRO NEWS SERVICES



Simon Lee, one of the judges in CBC's How do you Solve a Problem Like Maria? reality TV show, is seen in this undated handout photo.

'Maria' judge terminated

Simon Lee, a longtime associate of internationally renowned composer Andrew Lloyd Webber, has been fired as musical supervisor of the upcoming Toronto production of The Sound of Music.

News of the termination came just days after Lee, 46, was charged with forcible confinement and assault following a Sunday morning incident with a 24-year-old man at a Yorkville hotel.

A statement issued by London public relations firm Brown Lloyd Jameson on behalf of Lloyd Webber's The Really Useful Group Ltd., stated: "Simon is a very talented person who is extremely important to us. However, on this occasion we felt it was necessary to seek the termination of his engagement on The Sound of Music in Toronto. The alleged events are subject to legal proceedings and, therefore, we can't comment further."

Mirvish Productions spokesperson John Karastamatis said the decision to remove Lee will have no impact on the Toronto production. "The show will go on," Karastamatis said, noting Mirvish Productions played no role in firing

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Love Hewitt settles legal troubles

LAWSUIT Jennifer Love Hewitt has exorcised her legal demons, E! News Online reports.

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Willis kid is Miss Golden Globe

NOD Rumer Willis is to be Miss Golden Globe at the awards ceremony next year, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Rumer, the daughter of Bruce Willis and Demi Moore, was originally given the honour last November but the 65th Annual Golden Globes ceremony in January was cancelled due to the Hollywood writers' strike.

However, it has now been confirmed she will take the prestigious title at the next ceremony

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Metro's **7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now**

Life With My Sister Madonna, by Christopher Ciccone and Wendy Leigh She's one of the world's most popular entertainers, and amid rumours of marital strife comes a biography of Madonna by her younger brother, Christopher Ciccone. Readers have panned Ciccone as coming across in Life With My Sister Madonna as whiny and carrying a sense of entitlement, but fans of the pop star will no doubt devour

the book, written with Wendy Leigh,

for its details — who knew she was



Flats

Flats are stepping back into the spotlight for this fall/winter season. femalefirst.co.uk reports. Moc-

casins and structured loafers are forecast to kick skyscraper heels aside for more sure-footed fashion.

The Hills: The Complete Third Season This DVD box set of the third season of the popular reality TV show The Hills,

featuring the lives, loves and dramas of Lauren Conrad, Heidi Montag, Whitney Port and Audrina Partridge, hit



stores on Tuesday. The package includes interviews, commentary, deleted scenes and more.

Disturbia, by Rihanna

In her new video for the song Disturbia, Rihanna lets fans discover her dark side. The video

plunges viewers into a strange universe

that would rival one populated by shock rocker Marilyn Manson.



18 to Life A CBC-TV sitcom has been picked up by ABC. The show 18 to Life will star Stacev Farber of Degrassi: The Next Generation and Michael Seater of Life With Derek as 18-vear-old newlyweds. CBC-TV says it's the first time a Canadian and U.S. network have teamed up for a half-hour prime-time comedy. "For the CBC to have ABC invest and collaborate in the pilot for an all-Canadian half-hour comedy series is truly remarkable," said Kirstine Layfield, CBC's executive director of network

Patrick Swayze Kudos to actor Patrick Swayze for living life — he stepped out earlier this week to film the A&E series The Beast, his first acting gig since he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer earlier this year. No disease

keeps Swayze in the corner.

programming.

Hollywood twin boom Actress Angelina Jolie just delivered fraternal twins, now comes news actress Rebecca Romijn is expecting a duo this winter. Singer-actress Jennifer Lopez welcomed Max and Emme earlier this year, as well. Is it something in the water?

... and what's not:

Ring-a-ding

Shayne Lamas, former fiancée of The Bachelor: London Calling's Matt Grant, is keeping the 2.85carat Tacori diamond-and-platinum engagement ring he gave her on the show's finale. The aspiring actress says it's stored in a glass box. Grant, however, has a point: Why not auction off the ring and give the proceeds to charity? "Why hold onto it? What's the point?"



People.com reports him as having said. "It's a symbol of marriage that didn't happen."

Spike TV explores 'science of stupid death'

WAYS TO DIE Spike TV wants to explore more Ways to

The cable network has ordered 10 half-hour episodes of 1000 Ways to Die, a series that delves into bizarre ways people get themselves killed.

The series order follows the strong ratings for producer Thom Beers' twopart 1000 Ways special, whose premiere in May drew one million viewers.

In tongue-in-cheek fash-1000 Ways, which launches in the fall, showcases outrageous true-life endings — like death from eating a jalapeno pepper through re-enactments interlaced with dramatic witness testimonials, historical tidbits, scientific explanations and CGI effects.

"Everyone is fascinated with death and wants to know how and why," said Sharon Levy, Spike TV senior VP original series. "We got the tone of it immediately and felt it was a nobrainer for the channel."

Beers, who executive produces the series with Philip Segal, called 1000 Ways one of his passion projcts. "It's Darwinism meets CSI," he said. "It's the science of stupid death."

Beers, whose series credits include Deadliest Catch and Ice Road Truckers, stressed that the series won't feature people dying of natural causes or at war but only "dumb deaths that result from putting yourself in a dumb situation. They are self-inflicted through stupidity."

RELITERS

Globes sponsors donate \$750,000

CHARITY The organization that hands out Hollywood's Golden Globe Awards said Wednesday it

has given grants of more than \$750,000 to several top film schools and nonprofit organizations.

In the past 13 years, the Hollywood Foreign Press Association has donated more than \$7.5 million to entertainment-related charities. Last year, HFPA donated \$1.2 million dollars toward philanthropic pursuits.

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New York jeweler Jacob & Co. is suing musician Wyclef Jean. The company claims Jean owes it more than \$300,000 US worth of watches and jewelry. Jean has not commented on the legal action. BBC NEWS ONLINE

Celebrity Buzz

Ryan, Rachel Sarah's united front spark talk of reunion

RELATIONSHIPS Actors Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams have sparked speculation they are a cou-ple again, after they were spotted going home together after the actor's recent DJ debut, imdb.com reports.

The former couple met on the set of the 2004 movie The Notebook, and enioved a two-vear relationship until



Gosling was allegedly heartbroken by the split, previously branding McAdams as "one of the great loves of my life."

He added that his relationship was nothing like that of his Notebook character's union, saying: "Rachel and my love story is a hell of a lot more romantic than that.'

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RELATIONSHIPS Sarah Jessica Parker and husband Matthew Broderick put up a united front on a night out in New York following allegations he had an affair with a 25-year-old woman, the Daily Mail reports. The couple emerged

from a Midtown restaurant Wednesday night, with Brod-erick's arm wrapped around his wife as they smiled at photographers.

It's the first time the pair, who have been married for 11 years, have been seen together since a magazine claimed he had a three-month relation-

ship with another woman while she was filming the Sex and the City movie. One source defended

the couple, saying:

"They have never had a conventional marriage, but it works for the two of them ... They are so private and hate all this

silly gossip."

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celebrity brief Avril undergoes

blond moment MUSIC Avril Lavigne only hires brown-haired backup dancers. femalefirst.co.uk reports. The singer insists on being the sole blond on stage when she performs live. "I wanted my girls to look really punk rock, with like, black hair and that's pretty standard for everyone.

like Madonna and Mariah Carey," she reportedly said.

Army. He also has a few

tattoos, which she loves.

They've spent so much

time together that one

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

vclef lean. It's awful when the bling bring brings a lawsuit.

Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams together again? I hope

it's not true.

To me, the seminal lyric in SNL's classic digital short Lazy Sunday is "I love these cupcakes like Mc-Adams loves Gosling." It takes me back to that time of innocence that was 2005, when the Canadian actors' love was in its first blushing bloom.

To attempt to recreate the magic that was late 2005 will more than likely result in an odour not unlike that which is created by reheating cabbage.

Mary-Kate had to run out in emotional distress when watching **Heath** watching **Heath Ledger**'s performance
in The Dark Knight? Good, now she has some idea of the excruciating pain she helped inflict on millions through her performance in Full House, except in that case projectile vomiting was also usually involved.

I really feel for **Matthew Broderick**. I'm sure SJP's Carrie Bradshaw voiceovers were getting to him. "You know when you wake up in the morning and you realize you've just been with a man who's decided-ly NOT Mr. Big ... "

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Yeah, Avril Lavigne, there's nothing more punk than back-up dancers. **Joe Strum-mer** used to go on and on about the importance of back-up dancers and what colour hair they should have.

The Pistols actually broke up after the infamous Winterland Theater concert following an argument over which of the Ernest Flatt dancers they should hire away from the Carol Burnett Show.

That was so punk. NEWSDESK@METRONEWS.CA

celebrity brief

Katherine not having kids, yet

CONTROVERSY Kids for actress Katherine Heigl and new husband Josh Kellev? Not so fast. People.com reports. "It's nothing that we're talking about right now," Lucas said. "We're pretty

Kelley, 28, spent the summer vacationing with Heigl, 29, and touring. Heigl said in March she would like to have children sooner than Kel-

lev — but she agreed that wasting their curcareer opportunities would be "foolish METRO NEWS SERVICES



Britney dating staffer?

Britney Spears is reportedly dating her bodyguard, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The pop star has been spending nearly every day with former soldier Lee, who has been working fulltime for her for six months, and he has even started sleeping at her Los Angeles home.

"Britney and Lee hit it off immediately," a source said. "He is her perfect type. She loves guys who work out and he is in great shape from his days serv-

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thing led to another and their relationship became physical. The pair have been on holiday in Mexico together and Lee has been seen

dancing around a hotel swimming pool with Spears. "They've been having a great time. Lee's put a smile on her face," the source added to Britain's The Sun newspaper.

celebrity brief Karina steps on **Bachelor rumour**

RELATIONSHIPS Days after she was spotted getting cosy with The Bachelor's Andy Baldwin in Las Vegas, Karina Smirnoff is denying any romance, usmagazine.com reports.

"I'm sure Andy is a cool guy," the dancer said. "However, there is absolutely no truth to any of the rumours.' SERVICES

celebrity brief Halle's ex-hubby wishes her well PEOPLE Actress Halle

Berry's ex-husband, Eric Benet, only has nice things to say about her, usmagazine.com reports.

"From the pictures, she looks great," Benet said. "I haven't spoken to herit's been a few years now - but I'm happy

for her. Benet and Berry, 41, split in 2004 after three years marriage. SERVICES

Tommy proposes to me daily, Pam says

RELATIONSHIPS Pamela Anderson is said to face a love dilemma every day as her ex-husband Tommy Lee is constantly asking her to marry him, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The former Baywatch star was married to the Motley Crue rocker for three years until they split in 1998. But despite the split, the pair have been spending a lot of time together recently and are now co-habiting for the sake of their two sons Dvlan, 10 and Brandon,

However, it is believed that Lee wants the four of

them to be a proper family one day, she might just acagain, and Anderson has cept his proposal. Tommy asks me to marhinted ry him every day," she says. "It's very confusing. Marriage is romantic and I

get swept up easily."
After two short-lived unions to Kid Rock and film producer Rick Salomon, Anderson admits her heart has always belonged to Lee.

Tommy is the love of my life. It's a very deep love that grows in all sorts of unexpected ways. It's been the one relationship that's challenged me to the core," she says.

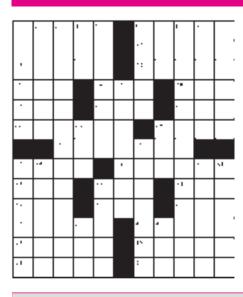
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Kardashian pushes for wedding

Hollywood socialite-turned-reality TV star Kim Kardashian is reportedly pressuring her boyfriend, footballer Reggie Bush, to propose — by getting a start on her wedding plans. IMDB.COM

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AUG. 1, 1800: The Act of Union 1800 is passed in which merges the Kingdom of Great Britain and the Kingdom of Ireland into the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland

AUG. 1, 1834: Slavery is abolished in the British Empire.

AUG. 1, 1944: Anne Frank makes the last entry in her diary.

AUG. 1, 1941: The first Jeep is produced.

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row. each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

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Horoscopes

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A timid person is thunder-struck. A man thinks about your special encounter. A stunning story will be told to the wrong person.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

A mystical man has the facts committed to memory. Someone is compelled to speak out. Cut-throat analysis works for an official.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21
You're able to bring things to conclusion. Be amused if accused of being starved for love. A good luck charm brings a major change.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

A man's loyalty results in lost sleep. A busybody hides the secrets of the past. Come to the rescue before a quarrel begins.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23
Getting smart with a rival is asking for trouble. A jerk wants to give advice. Meeting a female does you some good.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

When complications mount, make a call. Keep your eyes trained on the future. A marriage is discussed by a reliable person.

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LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23

A mercenary friend provokes dismay. An exhausting project can ease business pressures. Drastic change is on the way.

SCORPIO

OCT 24- NOV 22

Something drives pushy people to alienate others. Feeling undeserved guilt wastes time. A narcissistic buddy wants to visit with you.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23- DEC 21
Don't deceive anyone, no matter how trivial the matter. An unexpected gift comes handy. Compassion earns you some points.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

A man plans to clear the air. An argument will cause heartache. Meeting with a big mouth produces discomfort.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Criticism provokes separation from a friend. Something wrong will be righted. Tell someone of your personal problems.

PISCES

Be there when a friend whimpers. A tongue-tied man mends a broken heart. Poke around in someone's memories for the truth.

Sudoku

					2	4		
			1	7		5		
9	2	3				1		
2			9		1		3	
	9						5	
	7		4		5			8
		2				9	6	5
		1		8	9			
		9	3					

Edmonton weather

Afternoon



20°

Tonight



Clear. Low 9





Partly cloudy. 19°/12°

Sunday



Cloudy. 20° / 12



Variable.

23°/9°

Temperature Normals High: 23.3° Low: 10.7°

Records High: 33.3°/1922 Low: 0.6°/1941 Sunrise: 5:50 a.m. Sunset: 9:29 p.m. Moonrise: 6:00 a.m. Moonset: 9:41 p.m.



17-21. Smart

21-25 Not bad







25+ Keep practising

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It's been a blast!

Well, the time has come for us to say goodbye. We've had a great time introducing you to neat products that make your personal and business life better. Nature is calling, and we have been invited back to the forest to become teachers for a whole new generation of spokescritters.

Goodbye and thanks to all, especially our loyal fans and friends. Write us when you can at our new email address: frankandgordon@bell.ca.

